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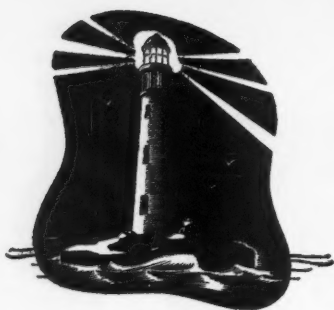
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# God Is Making Another Year

God has a large investment in 1952.

The Creator remains active in the universe despite all the efforts of atheists to expel Him.

Jesus said: "My father worketh hitherto, and I work."

The processes of creation continue without interruption. God created in the past. He is creating now.

He has just created a new year. Humans enter 1952 on borrowed time.

The task of manufacturing seconds, minutes, days, years and light years imposes a heavy responsibility upon the Maker of the universe. It involves a large expense of energy. We will do well, at the threshold of 1952, to meditate upon the fact of divine majesty.

Some people seem to think that God is a rather ordinary person. They even speak His name in blasphemy. But alas, He refuses to be brushed off!

Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess Him *now* in adoration . . . or in judgment *later*.

The weight of the earth is estimated at six billion tons. Let a mathematician try to calculate how many miles of steel cable would be required to suspend such an object in space.

Cohesive forces, beyond human understanding, hold our family of planets in their beaten paths around the Sun. It is not a small thing to keep the wheels of a Solar System turning.

"In my Father's house are many mansions," said the Christ.

The cohesive power that keeps the planets from flying apart is called gravity. But what is *gravity*?

Newton discovered the law of gravitation. He did not discover gravity. The law of gravitation talks about gravity . . . but gravity has not yet been discovered.

The force that suspends planets in space originates in the mind and purpose of God.

Our earth rotates on its axis and makes seconds, hours, days and nights. It revolves around the Sun to make a year.

Since no machine can create and operate itself, we know the universe has a Designer, Creator and Sustainer . . . "upholding all things by the word of his power." Hebrews 1:3.

From a Defender Hour

~~~~~Broadcast~~~~~

# DEFENDER MAGAZINE

## God Is Here

Dr. Gerald B. Winrod

**GOD IS HERE.** This is the supreme fact of the universe. Many are not conscious of His presence. This is deplorable. All may know Him experientially. This is life eternal.

To establish this vital relationship is the ultimate goal in spiritual attainment and the greatest achievement of which man is capable.

He that knows books, knows much. He that knows nature, knows more. But he that knows God has found the heart of wisdom, the source of power and the fountain of eternal life.

The mission of the Holy Spirit in the world is to exalt Christ. He brings Christ into the soul of the believer. Eternal life coming into expression through the regenerate human spirit is like a flame within a flame. The two blend, with the new life in the ascendancy, until the old is consumed.

"Old things are passed away," said Paul, "all things have become new." And in another passage he says: "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ."

The man in Christ is not a mere evolution of a natural man. He is a new creature, the member of a new creation.

A noted Gospel preacher walked one

morning through a field of clover. A dew had fallen during the night. The sun was rising. The field appeared to be blazing with diamonds. Stooping to the ground, he engaged in a study of dew drops.

Every dew drop was a complete sun in itself. Blazing diamonds, flaming opals, scintillating pearls. He saw millions of miniature suns.

In like manner, the function of the Holy Spirit is to reproduce the moral image of Jesus Christ in the soul of every believer. Twice born souls reflect the life, the light, the virtues and the characteristics of the Sun of Righteousness. "Christ in you the hope of glory."

There is for the natural man a physical body and a physical environment. There is for the spiritual man a spiritual body and a spiritual environment. "The things of God are spiritually discerned."

On one occasion Jesus said to Peter: "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee." In other words, Peter had become the recipient of a revelation in consciousness that could not have been acquired from his physical environment or through the five senses. He enjoyed spiritual discernment. It

is possible to know God experientially. God is here.

The natural man lacks capacity for the appreciation of spiritual values. He is blind, deaf and dumb to the spiritual world. Said Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians:

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

I am becoming impatient with those who know nothing whatever about the spiritual world, presuming to speak with authority on the great verities of the Christian religion.

What does an agnostic, an infidel or an atheist know about things spiritual? When such people presume to criticize the Bible and the doctrines of historical and evangelical Christianity, they simply expose their ignorance. They lack capacity for understanding the things of God. They view life through materialistic eyes.

I recall the first time I saw Niagara Falls. I had looked forward with expectancy to the experience. I stood there a long time on the Canadian side leaning over the iron rail, listening to the roar of the mighty cataract, watching the spray. I was thrilled.

A man was standing nearby. He also was a tourist. He too was seeing Niagara for the first time.

The paved streets near the Falls happened to be undergoing some repairs at that time. The pavement was torn up. It was difficult to find a place for parking automobiles.

I turned to the man and said, "It's a wonderful sight, isn't it?"

He seemed disgusted, having scarcely glanced at the Falls. He turned and looked in the direction of the street. He pointed to piles of sand, brick,

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concrete, stone, tar, asphalt and other debris.

He had had difficulty parking his car. He said it seemed to him bad business to have streets torn up at that time of the year in the vicinity of Niagara Falls with so many tourists coming through who wanted parking space.

I saw Niagara. He saw a pile of trash. Niagara was beautiful, but he was occupied with other things. He lacked capacity for appreciating its beauties.

I once heard a man say as he was leaving Church that he did not get a thing out of the sermon. There was nothing wrong with the message. He simply lacked capacity for appreciating the truths unfolded. When a man says he doesn't enjoy a sermon, it's not necessarily a reflection on the preacher!

An artist worked for a long time on a picture. He reproduced a sublime thought on canvas. It was his masterpiece. A lady walked carelessly through the studio, glanced in the direction of the painting and said: "I don't see anything in it."

To which the artist replied: "Don't you wish you could?" The art was there. The genius of the artist was expressed. The woman was not an art critic. She lacked capacity for appreciating the masterpiece.

How tragic to be among the beauties of nature and lack capacity for appreciating them. How tragic to gaze upon a work of art and lack capacity for appreciating it. But the greatest

of all tragedies is to be within speaking distance of God and not be able to comprehend His presence. But God is here.

Jesus emphasized the fact that the office work of the Holy Spirit would include bringing conviction, sorrow for sin, upon those out of Christ. "He will reprove the world of sin," said the Christ.

The Pastor of a large Church had delivered a powerful Sunday night sermon. He gave an invitation at the close. People came forward from all parts of the auditorium, downstairs, and up in the balcony. It was a night of triumph for his congregation.

Being tired at the end of the busy day, he stood in his pulpit, quietly resting, cooling off, before going out into the night air. The deacons walked by, one by one, and shook his hand as they told him good night.

"Jim, that was your greatest sermon," said one deacon. Another said: "Go home, Jim, and get some rest. It's been a wonderful day." Another said: "If you live a hundred years, you will never preach a better sermon."

In reality, it had been a simple message. The good man had given his testimony. He told how as a boy he had been taught to pray at his mother's knee. Then as a young man, he had drifted far, sinking deep into sin, breaking every one of the ten commandments, except one.

Then Christ reached down, lifted him up, put his feet on a rock, and transformed his life. Now he could stand in a pulpit. But he said one thing troubled him. His mother's prayers had followed him through all those years

of darkness. He had broken her heart. He was responsible for her pillow being stained with tears and he could never forgive himself.

Finally, after practically everyone had left the building, the lights were turned out by the caretaker. Only a subdued light remained under the balcony in the rear.

Out of the semi-darkness a little frail form came walking slowly, with uncertain step, down the aisle, up the steps into the pulpit. On her hair was the snow of many winters. Her voice trembled. There were tears in her eyes.

She put her arms around the neck of the great preacher, pulled him down and kissed him. She said: "Jimmie, my son. Mother was proud of you tonight. You preached a wonderful sermon. The harvest of souls made me happy. But Jimmie, what made you say those awful things about having been such a bad boy, about breaking my heart. Why, Jimmie, you know you were never bad like that. You just couldn't have done such terrible things. You've always been a good boy."

The little mother had forgiven everything . . . and she had forgotten. She forgave and she forgot. God's love is like that!

God forgives and God forgets. The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Godhead, looks after everything. He solves the sin problem for all who seek Christ through Him — through His good offices.

"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him."

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He once gave an associate to understand that a fight for the presidency would be distasteful, but asked: "Do you suppose it might be offered on a non-controversial basis?"

Roosevelt and Marshall picked Eisenhower and advanced him over many others to command the Western front. Associates there regarded him as the "political general," while Bradley was the strategist and Patton the fighter.

The heads of the Carnegie and Rockefeller Foundations and their close associates (who control Columbia University) gave General Ike the opportunity to become one of them, and absorb the "east of the Hudson" viewpoint.

At Columbia, he removed some of the more flagrant Communist sympathizers from the faculty — always by gentle methods, abolishing their chairs or failing to renew their contracts. However, none with powerful red connections were bothered, such as Mark Van Doren, president of the communistic "Society for the Prevention of World War III" . . . or the authors of Socialist textbooks objected to by alert parents.

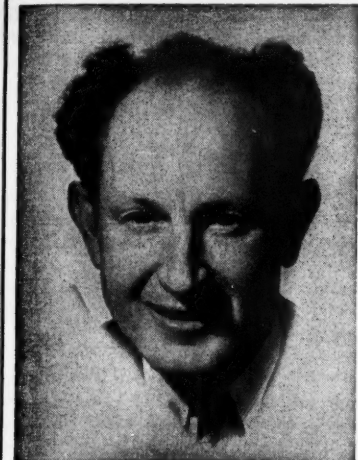
#### EISENHOWER'S SUPPORTERS

Eisenhower was discovered as presidential timber by Leonard V. Finder, of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, in 1948. Finder again offered him to the public in the November 3, 1951, issue of *Collier's*.

When it came time for the General to move into the job of creating a unified Western European army (pet dream of the Internationalists), he automatically followed the groove laid

## WASHINGTON REPORT

*By Upton Close*



**HELLO** Defender readers. This is Upton Close reporting from Capitol Hill.

Things are shaping up! The political battle is not between Democrats and Republicans — or even between Marxists as such, and defenders of the American pattern of government.

We are to witness and take part in an attempt by the *Internationalist Group*, to assume complete and unhampered control of this Nation, through a presidential campaign cutting across both parties.

The program of the Internationalist Group is to use American wealth (even to the point of business-breaking taxation) . . . and to use American resources (even to the point of leaving us depleted of minerals and farm land) . . . and to use American manpower (to the point of turning every American boy and girl into a conscripted robot).

#### CONSPIRACY EXPOSED

The program is to make the United States a completely militarized society, living on a completely militarized economy. The proclaimed aim is to "stop aggression anywhere in the world." The actual motive is to establish a One World Economy of controlled and allocated raw materials, manufacturing and trade, dominated by the Group.

That presupposes a serious danger to human liberty and progress. It is what King George III and his British

merchant princes were doing in a smaller way, when the founders of the Republic rebelled.

Sad to admit, the defenders of American independence and resources, have as yet no exact program, no council of defense, no organized leadership.

They have one spokesman who has shown that he can crusade, Douglas MacArthur. But there exists no definite plan to use his great gift and unique influence, which could be made the rallying point of a confused Nation, threatened by destruction from within.

Senator Taft, a "working statesman" who follows with integrity somewhat changing lights, does not offer the kind of clear-cut opposition to the Internationalist Group that could convince and lead baffled voters to crusade against it. Nor is he a great crusader. He is a loyal American and sincere plodder, with an amazing capacity for hard work.

Robert Taft still regards the coming contest as one between two major political parties. He hopes to win by making the people Republicans!

#### EISENHOWER'S POSITION

Voters need to be made to understand that the battle has moved entirely away from the arena of Republicans versus Democrats. The campaign for 1952 will be characterized by an all out attempt of the Internationalists to take complete control. This fact brings Gen-



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out for him ... although Columbia University would have seemed to the uninitiated a more likely springboard to the presidency.

Now comes the collapse of the dream of organizing Europe under American direction. But by a paradox, this may actually give a push to his candidacy.

Had the last conference in Europe not proved the most signal failure to date of the North American Treaty Organization, Eisenhower might bask in his European success while "pondering" the question of availability in American politics.

He cannot bear the thought of deteriorating before the public. He craves to climax his career in glory and honor. He sees his European enterprise withering on the vine.

There is one thing left for him to do: accept the chance to ride into the White House on a *trans-partisan* bandwagon.

At the same time, there is one thing left for the Internationalists to do before America's failure abroad becomes a byword: bring Ike home and march him in triumph to the White House.

And that triumph would be one more illusion for Americans!

In the Republican Party, Lodge, Saltonstall and Joe Martin (it is said) of Massachusetts ... Dewey and Ives of New York ... Duff of Pennsylvania ... Eaton and Hendrickson of New Jersey ... Morse of Oregon ... Knowlton of California ... Carlson of Kansas and others are working for Eisenhower.

Warren of California will go along, also likely Nixon who plays more and more with the Internationalist Group.

Eisenhower should "announce" about February 4th, to sidestep the next meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which can be expected to accomplish little.

The promoters of the "Ike for President" movement have several diplomatic jobs to do. They prefer to capture the Republican nomination rather than run him on a completely independent ticket, but they must keep him from

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becoming a Republican partisan. He must use the Party, and not let it use him.

They must assure Ike that he is to win without a strenuous campaign, for which he has neither taste nor health. They must assure Southern State politicians that they may keep their local patronage and the chairmanships of Congressional committees. They must persuade or step on Truman.

## A GREAT LOSS

The opponents of unlimited internationalism, the guardians of American freedom and wealth, have suffered a blow in the death of Senator Wherry, the most effective anti-internationalist and anti-socialist in the Senate.

Wherry kept the national Republican Party organization out of the hands of the noisy, heavily-financed international set of the seaboard. He influenced Taft *not* to compromise too freely.

Saltonstall, an Eisenhower internationalist, will now be the acting Republican Senate floor leader. Wherry was the most weighty of those few men in Congress who are not ashamed or afraid to be nationalist, and patriotic, and for Americans first.

Our Nation needs men like the early disciples of Christ who turned His stigma into their war cry and converted the glory of the heathen into their shame. The Internationalists found our people so sentimentally weak-minded that they were able to stigmatize proper love of our own Country.

No other nation on earth ever so abandoned its self respect. Until we get at least one political leader free enough of pressure groups, and brave

enough to make national pride and interest his rallying call, this Nation will remain sick and be more and more fed to others — like a good horse made into dog food.

## REVOLT IN KANSAS

But a ground swell is developing against Ike in Kansas, where his supporters least expected this could happen. The opposition is being led by Chauncey Dewey, a rancher near Brewster, Kansas, and a potent figure in Republican politics.

Dewey sent a letter condemning the General and endorsing Taft to the State's 900 top level Party leaders. To date he has received over 200 replies and all but two endorsed his stand.

This is regarded as a significant development in the State where Ike spent his boyhood. Link this with the unexpected stand of Senator Schoeppel (Kansas' senior Senator,) and you may have a trend from the Middle West.

"I am going to support my friend and colleague, Senator Robert A. Taft," said Schoeppel in an interview at Topeka on December 6th.

Then he added: "To my mind he typifies the leadership which America needs in the campaign ahead. He is honest, courageous, and has a grasp of the problems of government that is essential for a winning campaign in the country's effort to get rid of bungling, mismanagement, and corruption in Washington."

Wint Smith, a member of the House of Representatives from Kansas, has driven in another wedge against Eisenhower. He is supporting General MacArthur.

Don't be depressed, fellow Americans. The God who heard George Washington's prayers at Valley Forge still lives. The attempt of the Internationalists to ruin our Country comes as a challenge to all who love America and cherish the advantages she has given us.

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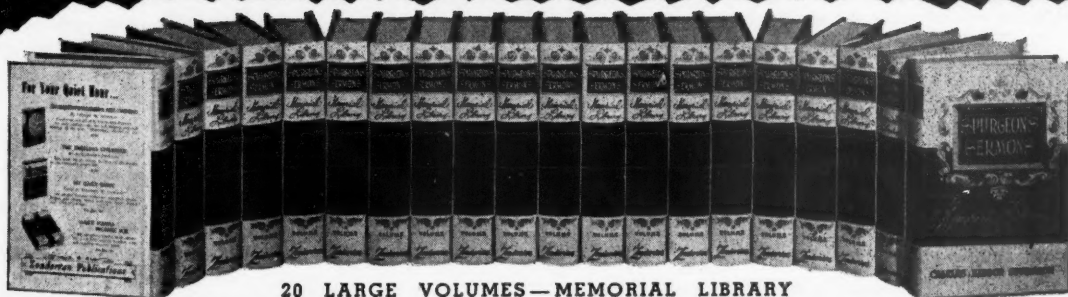
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It may interest you to know that I am a Baptist preacher. May God's richest blessing be upon you is my prayer.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Wm. O. Ramsey

Fox, Arkansas  
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Dr. Gerald B. Winrod  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Dr. Winrod:

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My mind has been dwelling of late on the experience of Hezekiah, who was sick unto death and "turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the Lord."

God heard, and Hezekiah's life was extended fifteen years. Brother Winrod, I feel that my life has also been miraculously extended. God has used Dr. J. S. Schirmer and the Corning Research Hospital to answer my prayers.

I have stayed by the diet rigidly and returned to the hospital regularly for checkups. You are free to publish my Case History, for telling others about the blessing that the Koch therapy has brought to me.



X-ray picture taken BEFORE Wm. O. Ramsey received Glyoxylide.



Mrs. Ramsey joins in thanking you because neither of us can ever forget how it was through the Defenders organization that a knowledge of this system of treatment came our way.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Wm. O. Ramsey

*Mr. Ramsey has secured his Case History from the files of the Corning Research Hospital and submitted it for publication.*

### CASE HISTORY

WM. O. RAMSEY, OCCUPATION: BAPTIST MINISTER, AGE 45, MARRIED. ENTERED HOSPITAL OCTOBER 22, 1949.

**CHIEF COMPLAINT:** Several severe hemorrhages from the lungs, with aching pains in the chest, respiratory difficulty, fainting spells and loss of weight.

**PAST HISTORY:** Dull, aching pains in the chest of 15 years' duration, with exacerbation and pain during last eight years, localized in the right chest. He had lost 30 pounds weight during the year.

In November of 1947, had reported to a tubercular sanatorium where examination revealed the presence of a growth in the chest. He reported on surgical service at a large, reputable hospital. X-rays revealed a large, multilobular mass in the anterior mediastinum, extending to the right and left. Bronchoscopic examinations and bronchograms at that time were considered normal. Urine was normal, blood count and Wassermanns negative.

Was operated January 9, 1948, with a rib resection, finding a nodular, firm mass involving the entire anterior mediastinum from the diaphragm to the sternal notch. The mass with its nodules extended into the hilus of the lungs and adhered to the diaphragm.

**PRESENT HISTORY:** Patient's symptoms and complaints became progressively worse after surgery. There was loss of weight, repeated hemorrhages from the lungs, difficulty in respiration, cyanosis and dyspnea to an alarming degree, and pain that was once dull in character was now an intense ache with each exacerbation. Hemorrhages became increasingly severe and respiration so difficult that artificial respiration was given many times within a period of two weeks.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:** An emaciated male, married, age 45, with blood pressure 90/65. Temperature 103, pulse 100, respiration 30, greatly prostrated from loss of blood due to pulmonary hemorrhage. Weight 97 pounds, height 71½ inches with the following findings: eyes, ears, nose and throat, negative; chest reveals a scar from surgery upon the right chest. Lungs, percussion and auscultation reveals dullness and impaired breath sounds. A large, hard, nodular mass palpated at the upper border of the right clavicle, extending to the side of the neck. Heart, displaced with a tachycardia and an aortic murmur. Abdomen reveals a somewhat nodulated mass two fingerbreadths below the right costal border, moderate tenderness on palpation and percussion, apparently no pancreatic or splenic involvement. Pelvis, negative.

**LABORATORY FINDINGS:** Radiographs revealed a very large, multilobular mass in the anterior mediastinum, extending from the sternal

notch to the diaphragm and adhered to the latter, the mass extending into the hilus of the lung and the posterior right diaphragm ... a large mass over the 7th thoracic vertebra on the right (6x6x3 cm) the pleura adhered, especially over the posterior diaphragm. Blood: Hemoglobin 70, R.B.C. 3,200,000, W.B.C. 14,000. Urinalysis negative.

**IMPRESSION:** Endothelioma with metastatic involvement of the liver and 7th thoracic vertebra.

**TREATMENT AND RESULTS:** Treatment instituted immediately consisting of natural vitamins: 100,000 of A, 100,000 of D, E, K, as well as B12 injectible. Patient placed on vegetable extractive diet, apple juice and distilled water. Sal Hepatica, three teaspoonsful in glass of hot water the following morning; three high enemas given during the day. The second day four high enemas given and detoxication diet continued; the third morning Sal Hepatica repeated and three high enemas given; the return from the enemas only brown stained fluid. KNO/3 given in four grain doses every five hours and morphine phosphate gr. ⅓ to alleviate pain.

Due to serious condition of patient on admission to hospital, gave Glyoxylide 2 cc.'s the following morning deep into right deltoid muscle; the 20 minute reaction period found patient relaxed to a considerable degree and a feeling of improvement expressed.

Patient had a light 3½ day reaction with elevation of temperature, pain in chest lasting about 18 hours. Again on the 7th day found patient with elevation of temperature, rise in pulse rate, dyspnea and moderate cyanosis. Patient confined to the hospital 8 weeks and on the Glyoxylide therapy and diet had gained four pounds at time of release. Repeated examina-

tions of blood, sputum and X-rays every 6 weeks, each showing improvement.

Patient hospitalized on 21st week and prepared for Glyoxylide injection which was injected deeply into deltoid and confined to bed for four days in the hospital.

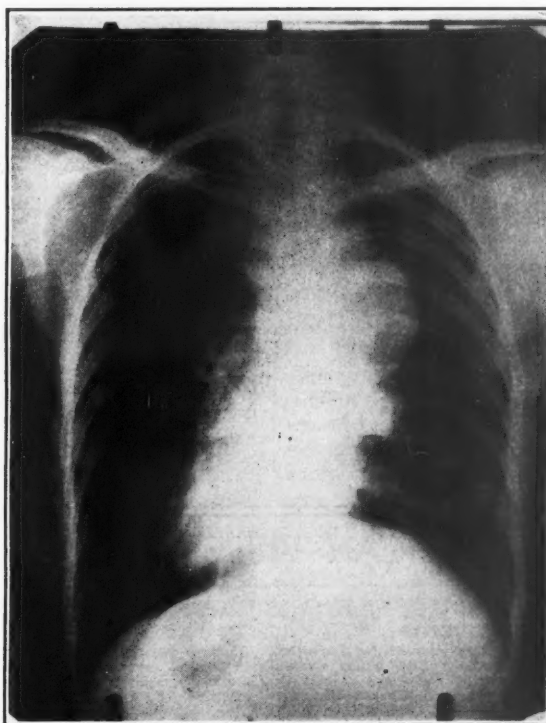
Four months later patient contracted virus pneumonia and local doctors prescribed sulfathiazole, penicillin and aureomycin. Six weeks later patient entered hospital and pre-injection care and diet given, then Glyoxylide 2 cc.'s of 6x deep into deltoid administered. Patient remained in the hospital 9 days and on release X-ray revealed satisfactory progress, and improvement. X-ray pictures of the chest continued.

Patient now has gained 17 pounds and though he has not completely recovered at this time, X-ray pictures clearly show improvement accomplished by this form of therapy. At least this patient now enjoys freedom from continuous bed confinement, practically free from pain, complexion good, no temperature, cyanosis or tachycardia and has a good appetite. Patient continues to have exceptionally good regular cycle reactions. Thus from a doomed man with only a few weeks to live, there is hope and feeling of continuous improvement through Glyoxylide therapy.

### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

December 1, 1951. Patient examined again today. More than two years has elapsed since treatment was administered. Progress very satisfactory. Weight 132 pounds, an increase of 35 pounds over what patient weighed when first examination was made.

(See announcement of books explaining the Koch treatment on page 12.)



X-ray picture taken AFTER Wm. O. Ramsey received Glyoxylide.



# LIQUOR, A DESTRUCTIVE AGENT

*A Defender Hour Broadcast... By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod*

**O**UR COUNTRY is passing through a moral sag and the liquor narcotic is largely responsible. Some of you will not like what I am going to say on this broadcast. Others will approve. All will agree that I am sure of my facts.

Democratic government demands high moral standards. Under a representative system, where the people govern themselves through leaders chosen by popular vote, security of government depends upon the ability of voters to think straight.

Only when the national conscience is active, with a premium placed upon honesty and morality, can the people be sure of making safe decisions. *Mink coats are but a surface symptom of a much deeper ailment.*

The foundations of our government were laid deep in national morality. We built a great and powerful nation and carved a civilization out of a wilderness. We gave the world the grandest pattern of liberty in the history of mankind, because the founders of the American Republic were men of integrity.

Whatever attacks morals, tears at the foundations of a representative system. The time has come to stir ourselves, revive the collective conscience, and rebuild the national character.

Can a nation pickled in alcohol, that spends five times as much on its liquor as it does for the support of its Churches... can a nation, whose citizens consume ever-increasing quantities of a drug that denies them the right use of their

senses, hope to put off indefinitely the day of reckoning?

We need to take inventory. We need to strike a balance. Liquor is a liability. Sobriety is an asset.

## A NARCOTIC

Alcohol cannot qualify either as a food or a stimulant.

Food provides nourishment. Alcohol does not. Food contributes to growth. Alcohol does not.

Alcohol cannot be stored in the body. It produces energy. But it is a wasteful form of energy. It lacks the essential substances for developing body tissues.

Neither is alcohol a stimulant. A stimulant elevates, steps up tempo, accelerates, increases force and efficiency in some particular performance. Alcohol does none of these things. It is no more a stimulant than ether or chloroform.

Its principal danger is the fact that by selective poisoning, it has a depressing effect upon both the brain and the spinal cord. Even the smallest doses dull the capacity to think and that is why it has made life unsafe on the highways.

Sir Andrew Clark, a noted British medical authority, said: "Alcohol is a poison. So is strychnine. So is arsenic. So is opium. It ranks with these. Health is always injured by it, benefited never!"

Thomas Edison fought liquor to his dying day. He said: "I have better

use for my brain than to poison it. To put alcohol in a human brain is like putting sand in the bearings of an engine."

David spoke of the human body as being "fearfully and wonderfully made." It deserves better treatment than to be torn down by a narcotic.

## AN IMMORAL TRAFFIC

Centuries of effort, from the days of Hammurabi down to the present hour, prove that those who make and sell liquor have no regard for the public good.

They lack appreciation of moral values. Money is their god. They prosper on the downfall of their fellow citizens.

There is a parallel between conditions today and those which existed in the days of the old saloon, when the liquor interests became intoxicated with power. They went roughshod, on their way, destroying the nation's character. They trampled moral values under foot. They ignored all standards of decency. Their descendants are doing the same thing today.

Finally, at the dawn of the present century, a spirit of resentment began to develop in the United States. It was this trend, this sense of outraged decency, that produced the reformers responsible for enacting the Eighteenth Amendment. Perhaps we shall live to see another awakening to retrieve the moral losses of recent years.

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gaudy advertising, designed to create an uncontrollable appetite for the narcotic that robs people of their senses.

Take three magazines, for instance, Henry Luce publications — *Time*, *Life* and *Fortune*. How much do you suppose they take in annually from the sale of liquor advertising? I do not have the latest figures. For some reason they are not available.

The statistics are old. They go back to 1946. In that year *Life* magazine sold \$6,178,541 worth of liquor advertising. In the same year *Time* realized \$1,847,842 from the same source. *Fortune* received \$396,469 from the sale of space to the liquor interests in the same year.

In other words, one publisher, Henry Luce, received eight-and-one-half million dollars in one year from the manufacturers and distributors of intoxicating beverages in the United States.

That was back in 1946. These magazines are probably doubling their revenue from this source at the present time. Ask yourself what one might expect the impact of such advertising sales to be upon the editorial policies of these publications.

Could you expect *Time*, *Life* and *Fortune* to publish the other side — the factual side about the moral and economic dangers of the liquor traffic under such circumstances? Of course not. They have grown fat from the sale of space to the enemies of national sobriety. Don't expect them to shoot Santa Claus!

During the first session of the Eighty-first Congress, United States Senator William E. Langer introduced a bill to prohibit fraudulent liquor advertising by press and radio. It was referred to the Committee On Interstate Commerce and public hearings were held.

As might be expected, the Luce publications tried to smear the people who testified.

### THE WICHITA BEACON

Let me give you an illustration of the level to which a newspaper can sink, in turning its advertising space into dollars and cents.

We have here in Wichita a newspaper called the *Beacon*, owned and edited by members of the Levand family. The Levands led the fight in 1948 to have the Kansas Prohibition law repealed.

They resorted to the usual tricks, the falsehoods, the propaganda and

the slick arguments, developed by those who love liquor and hate sobriety. Perhaps no one will ever know how much money was unloaded in Kansas, to gain repeal of a Prohibition law that had been on the statute books for 69 years.

The liquor interests brought up their heaviest artillery, with the Levands doing the dirty work. They knew that the psychological value of winning a victory in Kansas would be very great, because it was the premier dry state of the Union.

Arthur Capper, always a faithful defender of national sobriety and an opponent of the liquor traffic, was then a member of the United States Senate from Kansas. So the Levands singled him out for special attack. They leveled one editorial blast after another in his direction.

On one occasion, they sent him a lengthy telegram which contained these words, a solemn promise, that wasn't worth the paper it was written on. Here is what they said:

"Make no mistake about it, Senator Capper, the *Wichita Beacon* will never carry liquor advertising, even if Kansas does vote for repeal." The message was signed by Max Levand, its editor.

Notice what he said. "Make no mistake about it, Senator Capper, the *Wichita Beacon* will never carry liquor advertising, even if Kansas does vote for repeal."

There it was, a definite promise, black on white, a telegram sent to Senator Capper and reprinted as an editorial on the front page of their paper.

But within a week after repeal in Kansas, the *Beacon* had its columns filled with liquor advertising. In these intervening years since 1948, it is estimated that the Levands have taken in over \$100,000 from this source.

It is often amusing to see notorious wets, like members of the Levand family, use pious and hypocritical phrases to cloak their true purposes. During the months that led up to the election, the Levands professed to be guided by a deep love for Kansas and a consuming desire to save the State from disgrace.

But in reality, their primary concern was to create financial income from the sale of space—the very thing they disavowed in advance of the voting. Max Levand's personal salary has been advanced to \$1,000 a week, or \$52,000 a year.

Not only did they start selling liquor advertising as soon as Kansas voted repeal, but they actually went into the wholesale liquor business themselves. They had their corporation papers already drawn up, ready and waiting to begin operations as soon as the votes would be counted. The name under which they conduct their wholesale liquor business is the Standard Mercantile Company.

I have cited the *Wichita Beacon* as

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### MEN OF DISTINCTION

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The person who poses for the picture is always shown holding a glass of sparkling liquor in his hand. It is supposed to be a mark of "distinction," to consume a product which denies men and women the right use of their senses.

The inference is that men who have attained national distinction prefer this or that particular brand of whisky. By emulating their example, it is inferred that you, too, will become a person of the same discriminating taste.

But let me tell you something funny about these "Men of Distinction" ... something that happened when the liquor advertisers first launched their series of full-page, brightly colored advertisements.

Professional models were chosen for the photographs. Fine looking gentlemen, with charming features and bulging foreheads. The public studied these pictures. Certainly such nice appearing men were leaders of industry, captains of finance, or at least college presidents. Magazine readers were duly impressed.

But one day, somebody was leafing through a mail order catalogue. And lo and behold, here were some of the

same models, the same "Men of Distinction," posing in long underwear!

A newspaperman in New York City located one of these men, discovered where he resided, and studied his habits.

The poor fellow lived in the Bowery, a confirmed alcoholic, and was actually found slouched over a stool in a bar room with a vacant stare in his eyes, and his mouth half opened.

They evidently had to do a lot of polishing to put him in shape to pose as a model for the liquor advertisement which had appeared in an earlier issue of one of the nation's slick magazines.

The advertisers were, of course, embarrassed when the facts about their subjects leaked out. They decided to discard their professional models and pay fabulous sums to men who would be willing to pose. And that is the background of the "Men of Distinction" advertisements which you are seeing these days in newsstand publications.

Now, I wish to review a few circumstances, showing what has actually happened to "Men of Distinction" prominent in public life, who have developed appetites for drink. The facts are quite different from what the advertising suggests.

Take, for instance, the man who was driving home from a drinking party, and crashed into a wagon of hay riders, causing many to be seriously injured. He was a man of distinction in his community. He was socially prominent. He was a local leader in his particular profession.

Or, take the man whose body lay for days, unclaimed in a morgue. Death

had resulted from drinking. He, too, had been a man of distinction. Only a few short years ago he was a famous personality. He enjoyed an international reputation and a salary of \$6,000 a week. But liquor got him.

I am thinking of another man found dead in his hotel room. His head and body and the walls of his room were spattered with blood. He had dashed himself to death against the walls in a drunken frenzy. Yes, he had also been a man of distinction. Liquor destroyed his career as a popular major league baseball player.

Consider the woman found living in degradation, disease and poverty. She was dead drunk when the authorities arrived. They had to take her baby from her. They took her to a hospital. Did this woman come from Skid Row? No, she was once a person of wealth, occupying a mansion on the exclusive North Shore of Chicago. She had been a woman of distinction before liquor blasted her life.

Come with me to a private hospital room. A man is lunging from one side to the other in the grip of delirium tremens. He finally falls to the floor, weakened and in a state of collapse. Oxygen is administered, to no avail. The doctor pronounces him dead. Was this man a creature of the slums? No, he was a man of distinction. He had been the editor of one of the Country's largest newspapers.

I could go on indefinitely. Pray God to stir the slumbering American conscience.

### TREND TOWARD DEGENERACY MUST BE REVERSED

It must be evident to everyone where our Country is heading unless the present trend toward moral degeneracy is reversed. High moral standards are indispensable to democratic government.

Ancient Rome maintained a democratic system until her moral structure sagged beyond repair. Thus weakened, the people were incapable of governing themselves under a representative system and the long line of the Caesars began.

No nation has ever survived a moral collapse. History is trying to teach America an important lesson in the present crucial hour.

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Lee Mortimer, a newspaper columnist, recently spoke on it, in a lecture before a large university, in a Middle Western State. A local newspaper reporting the meeting said in part:

"The gravest menace which confronts American youth in the armed forces today, is not on the battlefields of Korea but in the nation's own army camps," Lee Mortimer declared in an address last night.

"The menace to which I refer," Mortimer said, 'is the homosexual problem which has become appalling in recent months. The situation, coupled with the dangers incident to narcotic sales, put gambling far in the background.'

"Everywhere I went," he said, 'I found taverns adjacent to army camps catering to homosexual clientele. The serviceman, whose number is up in Korea, finds an end to his earthly problems. For the member of our armed forces who falls

prey to the homosexual, his worries have just begun.'

"Mortimer also discussed the prevalent use of drugs by the youth of America, particularly the smoking of marijuana by high school students. He stressed the importance of ascertaining the identity of the underworld characters who 'bank-roll' the narcotic traffic, in which he said profits are larger than those ever dreamed of by bootleggers of the past." (End of quotation.)

Mortimer advocates many things, with which we wholly disagree. In fact, we think that some of his books may foster the very evils that he condemned in the foregoing lecture. But, in this instance, he is right. Our boys are being exposed to unspeakable temptations.

This fact is an incentive to us, to put the Word of God in their hands. Chaplains are ordering our little book, "WORDS OF CHRIST," by the thousands of copies.

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## AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF CORRECTIVE WRITING

*"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." — Galatians 3:28-29.*

DR. CECIL J. LOWRY'S book, "Christ's Brethren," is correcting the thinking of many sincere but confused Christians ... who have labored under the misapprehension that unbelieving Jew's are "God's chosen people."

One sometimes wonders if persons holding this view ever read the New Testament. If so, they seem to have overlooked such passages as Acts 10:34, "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons."

These people seem to relish repeating, poll-parrot fashion, pre-digested teachings without giving thought to their meaning.

They are advocates of "racial salvation," but do not know it!

This is because they have never taken the trouble to *think through* on the untenable and fallacious ideas which have gained their acceptance.

A little reasoning would convince them that a Jew, to enjoy the blessings of sovereign grace, must travel the same road as members of any other racial group.

Acts 4:12 settles the question. "For there is none other name under heaven

given among men, whereby we must be saved."

The name referred to here is that of the Christ — the One whom the Jewish religion officially blasphemes by attributing bastardy to his birth.

Dr. Lowry says in the opening chapter of his book:

"Race phobia is a disease, a treacherous disease. Many have been its victims. Unfortunately, the last hundred years has seen the revival, in Christianity, of this philosophy closely akin to the first century Judaizers.

"Christianity has no racial axe to grind. It sets forth a God who loves all races equally; who offers neither priority nor special privileges due to hereditary background.

"Jesus Christ knew no message of racial favoritism. He did *not* say, 'God so loved the physical sons of Abraham,' but 'God so loved the world'."

Dr. Lowry might have added that if the Saviour were on earth today, and dared repeat the twenty-third chapter of Matthew, He would be listed and persecuted as an anti-Semite by the Anti-Defamation League.

Bible students know that ancient Israel had a special task to perform. She kept the truths of divine revelation alive in pagan surroundings. Her position was comparable to that of the Church in modern times.

But it does not follow that a mixed group of people, who could not even qualify as Jews after the flesh, enjoy today a position of racial preferment.

Whatever partition existed between Jews and other races in ancient times was obliterated at Calvary. All people are alike, comprising one great mass of sinful humanity, in need of a Saviour.

Paul wrote in Ephesians 2:14, "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us."

Dr. Lowry wishes to know "why many present-day students of prophecy labor so hard to rebuild what Christ tore down at the Cross!"

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Chapter One shows that the heresy of Jewish superiority stems from the Talmud. Passages are quoted proving this to be a fact.

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al descendents of the so-called chosen line might be infidels, agnostics, communists, atheists, murderers, evolutionists or vehement haters of Christ. Yet if they have the proper heredity, they are bunched together as Christ's brethren . . .

"This racial interpretation, which excludes regeneration as a requisite of brotherhood, seeks to identify His enemies as His brethren."

The fallacy of such teaching is self evident.

"Pure Christianity neither blesses nor curses one race at the expense of others. When she condemns men, it is because of the philosophy or creed that they embrace and never because of their blood. Christ's Brethren is a spiritual brotherhood, consisting of regenerate souls of all nations."

Chapter two includes an exposition of Matthew 12:46-50 and leads to the inevitable conclusion that the true brethren are faithful followers, who "do the will of my Father" — a position for which only Christians, regenerated by the Holy Spirit, can qualify.

Dr. Adam Clarke, the champion of all Bible commentators, is quoted as saying: "The humblest follower of Christ is acknowledge by Him as His brother."

Chapter three explains the origin of the racial brotherhood theory in its modern form:

"Its birthplaces were England and Ireland. Its father was a British theologian. Its mother was ancient Pharisaism. The child bore the marks of the racism in which it was conceived. The mongrel immediately opened its mouth to speak in the name of 'present day truth.'

"One of its chief revelations has been that the Church was not seen by the prophets. That the prophecies contain only a message for so-called literal Israel. And, as a result of Israel's rejection of their King, the Church was sandwiched in between their rejection and restoration . . .

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# EDITORIALS

## THE PROPOSED VATICAN APPOINTMENT

NOTHING more timely has ever been produced by the Defenders organization than Dr. Winrod's new book entitled, "Protestantism and Catholicism." The opening page contains the following statement in the nature of *A Request*:

"The purpose of this treatise is to balance the facts of a religious issue — the seriousness of which neither Protestants nor Catholics can safely ignore. It represents an honest effort to assay a difficult problem.

"Readers are requested to bear in mind that no single section of the book should be left to stand alone. The overall picture needs to be considered."

The unpublished, underneath side of President Truman's proposal to send a United States ambassador to the Vatican is turned up for public inspection.

By a shrewd maneuver, enemies of Christianity have succeeded in unleashing new hatreds between Protestants and Catholics. Marxist leaders stand to effect large gains.

It will not be a credit to the intelligence of professed Christians if they allow themselves to fall into this trap. The subject is delicate and demands careful analysis.

Red manipulators of public sentiment in the State Department need a "knock down drag out fight" between religionists, to divert attention from charges of Communism and corruption leveled against the Truman administration.

Protestants and Catholics are being systematically goaded against one another by slick operators in the background. Communists and extreme leftists are furnishing ammunition to both groups.

An illustration of how enemies of Christianity have promoted this scheme

was noted a few years ago in the appearance of a magazine called *The Protestant*.

The name sounded good to members of the Protestant clergy. Subscriptions poured in from all parts of the Country, often accompanied by sweetly sympathetic letters to the "brethren" who edited the magazine. The House Committee On Un-American Activities finally exposed *The Protestant* as a Communist publication and it folded up.

At no time did it ever deviate from the Communist Party line, but many sincere believers were unable to discern this fact.

An example of similar Catholic blundering is noted in the editorial policies of *America*, described as the National Catholic Weekly Review."

The methods of *America* parallel in many ways those of the defunct *Protestant*.

*The Protestant* smeared Protestants who opposed Communism ... and *America* smears Catholics opposed to Communism.

*The Protestant* conducted a constant campaign of vilification against Catholics ... and *America* constantly attacks Protestants.

*The Protestant* disseminated Jewish Anti-Defamation League propaganda among Protestants ... and *America* uses its columns for the same purpose among Catholics.

An example of collaboration with enemies of Christ was observed in November 1951 when this Catholic journal reprinted an editorial originating in Anti-Defamation League offices, released by way of a small American Legion unit in Illinois. It smeared a group of well known opponents of Communism, both Protestants and Catholics.

A scheme was worked out whereby Walter Winchell, a spokesman for American Jewry, would boost *America* and quote the editorial in his Sunday night broadcast. The arrangement seemed paradoxical, considering Winchell's long pro-Communist record and years of sniping at the Catholic Church.

Does it make sense for Protestants and Catholics to draw upon red sources for ammunition to use against each other? No wonder Communists are making "dumb Christians" a butt of ridicule!

Dr. Winrod discusses doctrinal differences which separate Protestantism and Catholicism and finds them to be irreconcilable ... but emphasizes the fact that members of both groups have to live together and should make the best of it!

He quotes Catholic authorities to show that many share the Protestant point of view regarding separation of Church and State.

General Mark Clark's Jewish nationality is explained. The book shows why he was chosen by reds in the State Department, and nominated for the post of ambassador to the Vatican.

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Another thing that we enjoyed talking about was Senator Joe McCarthy's visit to Los Angeles. He delivered an address down there under the auspices of the "Americans for MacArthur" group, the night before we met in the drug store. We went over his speech as printed in the papers and liked it.

Look at what he said about the corruption that's been festering all these years at Washington:

"Any real cleanup would fill Leavenworth penitentiary with the men who say they are asking for the cleanup. The only change will be on the surface. It will be like spreading clean earth over a garbage dump, but the filth will crop up in other places."

John Service, the red diplomat whom McCarthy exposed months ago, had just been fired. This added *spizerinctum* to his trip out here.

He was originally denounced as a liar by every left-wing outfit in the Country from the State Department down, for exposing Service, but now they are forced to admit that his charges were all true. Where does that put *Time* magazine and a lot of others?

We got a laugh out of Truman's statement at his press conference that "he would prefer not to see McCarthy reelected to the Senate next year." Naturally!

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## WICHITA'S RADIO PROBLEM

WHEREVER groups of ministers and other religious leaders assemble, the boycott conducted by Wichita's radio stations against Dr. Winrod and the Defender Hour, becomes a topic of discussion.

He can be heard on stations in all parts of the Country, except the city where the sermons originate.

The Defender Hour is credited with having the largest listening audience of any religious broadcast in the world. Millions listen nightly.

Whereas other nationally known programs are heard once a week, generally on Sundays, Dr. Winrod speaks every night over the four most powerful stations in the Western Hemisphere ... in addition to a large group of stations on Sundays.

The Wichita boycott was imposed against him 14 years ago at the behest of Jewish organizations, when it was unpopular for Christian leaders to speak out against atheistic Communism.

Let those who doubt that a secret system of Jewish control exists over press and radio in the United States, whereby opponents of Communism can be smeared, maligned and coerced, take note of the Wichita situation.

Appeals to Washington authorities have so far failed to produce relief. This fact affords another eloquent argument for a Congressional investigation of the Federal Communications Commission.

It can now be stated that certain members of Congress are seriously considering this step. Others are submitting the facts to the Department of Justice, on the theory that owners of the Wichita stations are subject to prosecution under Section 19 of the United States Criminal Code, 18 USC 51, titled "Conspiracy to Injure Persons in the Exercise of Civil Rights."

Instead of the Defender Hour and the Wichita stations being pitted against each other, they should be facing the enemy of free America unitedly. But it often happens that Communists and

their sympathizers are able to "divide and conquer."

The Pastor of one of the largest Churches in New England says: "Every minister in America should acquaint himself with what is happening in Wichita and use his influence to correct the injustice, knowing that the same thing can happen to him."

Meanwhile, Christians of all denominations are continuing to write Senators and Representatives from their respective States, asking them to demand that the Federal Communications Commission break the Wichita boycott.

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Political Zionism has made great strides towards world power during the past generation. After the Balfour Declaration in 1917, Zionist leaders deserted Germany for Great Britain, and the United States entered the war against Germany. The Zionists got chemical and water power concessions in Palestine from the so-called League of Nations.

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of youthful looks.

If you think the world is all wrong,  
remember that it contains people like  
you.

Scrapping will reduce anything to  
scraps.

Not what we gain, but what we give,  
Measures the worth of the life we live.

Good Christians make good citizens.

Love's labor is never lost.

Some self-made men show poor ar-  
chitectural skill.

A fool's tongue is always long enough  
to cut his throat.

When it is definitely settled that a  
thing can't be done, watch somebody  
do it.

If Christ is kept outside, something  
must be wrong inside.

Better try something and fail than  
try nothing and succeed.

We rise by the things we put under  
our feet.

Attempt great things for God; expect  
great things from God.

—*William Carey.*

One way to break a bad habit is to  
drop it.

If religion means much to you, live  
so it will mean much to others.

God will not look you over for  
medals, degrees, or diplomas, but for  
scars.

Getting mad will never get you any-  
thing else.

A swearing parrot doesn't reason;  
that's why he swears.

The Church that is not a missionary  
Church will soon be a missing Church.

Jesus came to save the Lost, the Last  
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Charity begins at home, but it doesn't  
end there.

Many a man lays down his life trying  
to lay up money.

We are stumbling in the dark, but  
we are facing the light.

—*Helen Keller.*

Washington and Lincoln were never  
too big, too busy, or too lazy to go  
to Church. How about you?

The floor of hell is paved with good  
intentions.

It is easier to smile than to frown.  
It takes 64 muscles of the face to  
frown, only 13 to smile.

A task worth doing, and friends worth  
having, make life worth living.

You can't take your money to heaven  
with you, but you can send it on ahead.

Let us endeavor so to live that, when  
we come to die, even the undertaker  
will be sorry.

—*Mark Twain.*

Fads come and go; good sense goes  
on forever.

# GOD'S UNSPEAKABLE GIFT

## Sermon Of The Month

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*"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."*

II Corinthians 9:15

THIS VERSE forms the climax in Paul's discussion of Christian giving. It comprises the final point in a potent argument.

The Apostle was on his third missionary tour, busily engaged in raising church offerings for poor saints at Jerusalem. He was writing to stimulate the Corinthian Christians, so they would be ready with their share at the time of his arrival.

As an incentive, he had been holding up before them the Macedonian churches as a model in Christian giving. He told how they had given out of their extreme poverty with joy and liberality, even beyond what he might have expected. (II Corinthians 8:1-5) Then he urged them to practice continually the grace of sacrificial giving, promising blessings from God for their liberality.

He reminded them of what the gift would mean to the cause of Christ and expressed confidence in their integrity even under testing. But the crowning argument for Christian giving the Apostle finds, not in the giving of believers, but in the giving of God Himself.

He climaxes his whole discussion with the exclamation: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." We now turn our attention to this greatest act of giving, which underlies our giving.

Three considerations emerge from the text:

### I. THE FACT OF GOD'S GIFT

#### 1. God is a Giver.

This truth lies on the very surface of our text. It is declared on the pages of Holy Writ and demonstrated in all His dealings with His creatures.

James declared: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights." He sends the sunshine and the rain upon the just and the unjust. Every morsel of food, every drop of water, every piece of clothing comes to us from His bounty. All creatures wait upon Him, that He may give them their meat in due season. (Psalm 104:27)

Is it not true that God always gives enough to meet the needs of His creatures, but *want* is due to man's misappropriation and misuse of these bounties? If men would give as liberally to their fellow men as God gives, the needs of mankind would be supplied.

The Heavenly Father provides not only for our material needs, but for our spiritual needs as well. The Christian conception is that of a God who is ready and willing to give. Jesus used this truth to encourage prayer. "If ye

then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" (Matthew 7:11)

#### 2. God has given His supreme gift.

In this verse Paul was not thinking of general gifts to mankind, and a beneficent providence, but of the one, the supreme gift, the climax of all of God's giving. He calls it the "unspeakable gift." It was the gift of His only begotten Son. (John 3:16)

In Him God gave His best, His all. This gift, unlike others, cannot be adequately described nor fully comprehended by the mind of man. It exhausted the resources of the Infinite. We stand in utter amazement at such a superlative gift. Only God's Word can help us comprehend its motive and purpose.

(a) The Motive that prompted the gift was God's love. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." There is no other explanation.

The very heart of God overflowed in a desire to impart love to His fallen creatures. And in love He gave His best, even when mankind had done nothing to merit it, yea, while we were His enemies. (Romans 5:10) And this He did because He is love. (I John 4:8) Love always manifests itself in giving, rather than in the selfish thought of receiving.

(b) The Purpose of the gift was to impart eternal life. "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) Contained in the gift of His Son is also the gift of eternal life. "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." (John 1:12)

Since "in Him was life," John could testify "that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son hath not life." (I John 5:11-12)

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came as the conveyor of eternal life to sinners.

If the gift is not everywhere accepted ... it is not due to any imperfection in the gift, but rather the fact that men love darkness rather than light. (John 3:19)

God's purpose in making this gift was the redemption of mankind. He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (II Peter 3:9) Such a gift of love merits our whole-hearted acceptance.

## II. THE NATURE OF GOD'S GIFT

Paul calls it God's "unspeakable gift." The Greek word used here is *anekditegetos* and means that the matter under consideration cannot be told in full. It cannot be given a complete setting forth. It is inexpressible.

This divine gift is so wonderful, so incomprehensible, so indescribable that no language of earth, no tongue of men or angels can give an adequate description. It goes out and beyond the range of human abilities and capacities to visualize in thought or express by spoken word.

1. It is inexpressible because of the nature of the *Person* who is this gift.

He was the eternal Word with God from the beginning, yet made flesh and tabernacled among men, revealing the glory of the Father. "Being in the form of God, he took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men ... and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:6-8)

He was God manifest in the flesh. We are led to cry with the Apostle, "Without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness." (I Timothy 3:16)

The finite mind cannot comprehend the unfathomable depths of the mysteries and the glories of the incarnate Son of God. And yet in the Bible, God has

revealed much of the inherent and acquired glories of the One who came to be our Redeemer.

In Hebrews 1:1-4, the writer sets forth the sevenfold glories of the Son, as God's final word to man. Speaking with reverence, we can say that in Christ, God exhausted His resources in an effort to reveal Himself to us. Only the ages of eternity will reveal the full content of this Word of God, mentioned in the first chapter of John's Gospel. He is God's "inexpressible gift."

2. This gift is also inexpressible because of what it brings to its recipients.

Those who recognize their need and humbly accept Him as God's gift, find that He brings unsearchable riches. They learn that with this gift, God freely gives them all things. (Romans 8:32) In Him, those who were dead in trespasses and sins are made alive and exalted with Him to sit "in heavenly places." (Ephesians 2:1, 6)

The salvation He provides is perfect. Its scope and vastness beggar the imagination. It provides for the whole man — body, soul, and spirit. It covers our past guilt, provides present victory, and assures of future glory.

He brings fullness of joy so that the believer can rejoice "with joy unspeakable and full of glory." (I Peter 1:8) What the future holds for the believer has not yet been fully revealed, but he knows that when his Lord shall appear he shall be like Him. (I John 3:2)

And this "so great salvation" is not limited to any clime or age. Countless numbers will swell the company of the redeemed. In Revelation 7:9 we see "a Great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stand before the throne, and before the Lamb."

## III. THE RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT

Such a gift cannot fail of a response on the part of those to whom it is offered. There are human gifts

that demand no response because they do not concern us. But the gift of God concerns every man and demands acceptance or rejection.

The response of the Apostle is seen in his words, "Thanks be unto God." One would regard this as being the only attitude that men could manifest, but history and experience indicate otherwise. There are two, and only two, reactions to this gift. There is no neutral ground. You either accept or reject what God has offered.

### 1. Refusal of the gift.

Strangely enough, this reaction is very common. The intensity with which it is rejected may vary, but the result is the same. Many do not oppose its reception, but simply neglect or ignore it.

Others definitely refuse for inadequate reasons. Some would even deny that such a gift was ever given. There are the enemies of the Cross, even in church circles.

A well known religious weekly of November 28, 1947, carried a report of the doctrinal belief of 50 Congregational ministers in Chicago. Of these, two did not believe that Jesus lived on earth, and only 23 believed His death was "a divine redemption for sinful men." Only eight held that the Bible was authoritative.

Such attitudes show to what extent human minds can be blinded by sin. Such rejection is loaded with unspeakably tragic consequences. (John 3:36)

God's offer of full and free salvation in Christ is so transcendently amazing, that many pass it by.

### 2. Acceptance of the gift.

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at His Word, they find themselves in possession of eternal life, and "heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ." (Romans 8:17)

They accept eternal life without money and without price. Having received this great gift, the believer comes to a supplementary realization of truth. He

is made to see that God's unspeakable gift to him demands, in return, the unconditional surrender of himself to God.

He hears the appeal of the Spirit to present his body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God as his reasonable service. (Romans 12:1) As he yields

himself to that call in complete surrender, he becomes a servant of righteousness, and proves in daily experience "what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." (Romans 12:2)



## MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Rev. Fred Moore

Fairfield, Iowa

*"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." —Ephesians 2:8.*

THREE WORDS of this verse find special echo in my heart: "not of yourselves." Looking back upon mis-spent years, I can see most certainly that there was nothing good in me, to warrant the saving power of God so graciously manifested in my life.

If we had to work for salvation and earn it, no one would ever enjoy its blessing. The best of human effort is futile. But man's extremity is God's opportunity, and we are saved by Grace, not of ourselves.

I tried about everything the world, the flesh, and the devil had to offer. But the hour came, thank God, when I took the greatest step a man can take.

A valuable book was published several years ago entitled, "Twice Born Men." I belong to that group. I was born the first time, April 22, 1900. I was born the second time, October 2, 1932.

Any way you look at it, I got a bad start in life. I lost my precious Mother at the age of four. But one thing for which I have always been thankful, is that I was old enough to remember her.

From what others told me, I know that she was a wonderful woman. While on her deathbed, she called all the loved ones in and charged them to so live as to meet her in Heaven. I firmly expect to see her again some day.

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved,

we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

My father married a second time. Our home became a seething cauldron of domestic difficulties. He lost interest in the Church. Liquor came into the home. He opened a saloon at Rushville, Illinois. I was thrown into a tragic environment for a boy.

One humorous thing lingers in my memory. Those were the days when all saloon keepers lived in mortal terror, lest Carry Nation should visit their places on her hatchet crusade. My father had a long sign, above the door, the full width of his building which said: "All Nations Welcome Here Except Carry Nation."

Finally, after six years of married life with my stepmother, father left us. I was then 10 years old. Oh, the pain and misery and sorrow that results from broken homes!

Death struck again three years later and my youngest brother was taken. The other children were then scattered. At the age of 13, I had to shift for myself.

I was soon consuming liquor like a grown man, gambling and playing cards, maturing young in the sins of those days. Sunday School and Church attendance seemed like faint memories of the past.

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One thing lingered with me and stuck in my conscience like a knife — the request of my dying Mother that I should meet her in Heaven. I could never forget the scene which called forth those words.

I wandered from pillow to post. One day I met a dance musician and he taught me some chords on a banjo. Then I took a few lessons on the guitar. I later joined a dance orchestra and became popular in wild night life circles.

Dancing and drinking go hand in hand, and have wrecked more lives and damned more souls than any other twin evils known to mankind.

By the time I was 18, I had sunk to the very gutters of sin. Then I joined the United States Navy, and while this experience produced a degree of discipline, I continued my downward path after my release from the Navy. I became a professional gambler, continued drinking and found myself in constant demand as a dance musician.

I married a fine girl. No matter how vicious a man may be, if still possessed of his senses, he wants a loyal companion. My conscience bothered me, because I knew the disgrace I was bringing upon my wife and daughter.

As if by chance (but I believe God planned it in answer to the prayers of others), I met Mr. A. K. Harper, the noted brush manufacturer and lay evangelist. That was on October 1, 1932. He talked with me about my soul.

I went to Church the next day, with Mrs. Moore and publicly accepted Christ, when the invitation was given. My heart seemed to break. There were birth pangs — the pangs of a new birth, tears of sorrow and repentance, and thank God, a new life was imparted. My sinful nature was cleansed.

*"God is my Father, Jesus is my brother, and the Devil is no relation at all!"*

Since then, I have become an ordained preacher of the Gospel. I have conducted over 100 revivals of two to five weeks' duration and by His Grace, am witnessing a harvest of souls. And the old guitar that used to be played at dances is now heard from pulpits wherever I go.

# FOREIGN MISSIONS

## MRS. ROLON OF VILLAPALMERAS

VILLAPALMERAS is the name of a community adjacent to the Capital city of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Few mission fields in the West Indies offer a greater challenge for constructive missionary work. It has been served by a Defender Church, under the leadership of Mrs. Elenia Rolon, since 1937.

The progress of this Gospel center, starting in a small rented room and developing into a strong congregation, parallels the growth of many other Defender Churches in that part of the world.

Like the majority of Puerto Ricans, the people of this area are very poor. But living conditions always improve among families who come under the influence of the Gospel.

Moral and spiritual regeneration never fails to produce material improvement. Whole communities have been transformed, in Puerto Rico, through the establishment of a single Defender Church.

Dr. Winrod was told the following story by a police officer, on one of his trips to the Island ...

A certain neighborhood, being a center of vice and crime, caused law enforcement agencies a great deal of trouble. The community was noted for its wild life and vicious practices. There were almost nightly brawls, drinking and fighting, an occasional murder, and frequent arrests.

To the surprise of everyone, a native Defender evangelist chose this as the logical place to start a Church. The first services were held in the open air.

Modest financial support was supplied by Wichita headquarters and a small building rented. Larger quarters soon became necessary. There were conversions from the beginning.

Meetings were held every night for five years. A neat little belfry was erected above the building and a bell installed, for calling the people to service. The Defender Church has become a permanent institution in that community. People can now be seen walking in groups, carrying their Bibles, at Church time.

This illustrates the transforming power of the Gospel!

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THE ACCOMPANYING picture was taken early last month when Mrs. Rolon visited Wichita headquarters. The setting is Dr. Winrod's office. For years she and her husband have counted no sacrifice important where the interests of missionary evangelism were involved, at Villapalmeras. They are tireless workers in the vineyard of the Lord. Friends have encouraged Mr. Rolon to preach, but he has left this responsibility to his wife.



Geraldine Winrod Korell, Mrs. Rolon, Dr. and Mrs. Winrod.

She possesses a brilliant mind, is unreservedly consecrated to her Lord, and speaks with great power before audiences. He attends every service, teaches, instructs converts and helps direct the administrative affairs of the Church. Mr. Rolon has an executive position with a business concern in the metropolitan area.

As previously indicated, Mrs. Rolon started the Villapalmeras work in 1937, with a small nucleus of native Christians, meeting in a rented building. The rent was \$20 a month.

She preached in her Church practically every night (except Saturdays), for 14 years,

while holding a secretarial position with the company where Mr. Rolon is employed. Early this year she found it necessary to give up secular employment and devote full time to pastoral duties.

Meetings are held every night of the week at Villapalmeras, with the exception of Saturday. There are two

Dr. Winrod listened while the officer explained: "We are glad that one of your preachers went there. The member of our motorcycle police force, whom we designated especially for the neighborhood, was no longer needed after the revival got under way. Your Church has given the place an entirely new complexion."

services each Lord's Day (and sometimes three), in addition to Sunday School. In the year 1950 Mrs. Rolon and her husband did not miss a single meeting. They have similar records for other years.

It became necessary in 1940 to seek larger quarters. A building twice the size was secured for \$25.00 a month. The premises were decorated, and dedicated, as a place of worship. Here the congregation was housed for the ensuing 10 years.

During the early part of 1947, Mrs. Rolon led her people forward on a broad step of faith. They decided to start a fund, in anticipation of erecting their own building. She says: "We all began working like beavers."

The story of the erection and dedication of their new building three years later is one of tenacity and resourcefulness.

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**D**R. WINROD discussed the project with Mrs. Rolon during her visit to Wichita, at which time the following questions and answers were exchanged:

"Mrs. Rolon, we have in mind preparing an article for *The Defender* about the Church at Villapalmeras. Would you mind answering a few questions?"

"I'll be glad to try."

"Fine. Tell us first, are your services held in English, or Spanish?"

"Everything is in Spanish."

"You speak excellent English. Where did you learn it?"

"I think my English is very poor, but what I know, I learned in school."

"Now, about the fund that your Church launched in 1947. I believe small amounts were added for three years, before you felt strong enough to buy the lot and start building. Did you sometimes feel discouraged?"

"It's true that things moved slowly, because everybody is so poor. But we were never downhearted, knowing that the Lord was leading us."

"How was the money raised?"

"Well, once a month — the last Sunday of every month, the members would bring all that they had collected. It was counted, after which the treasurer's report was read. Then we would pray,

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thank God for the blessings, and ask His help to continue."

"In other words, you knew that 'faith without works is dead'."

"That's right."

"But you haven't told us how the members worked, what they did, to get this money which was brought in once a month."

"Well, different members did different things. Some found little odd jobs, and brought in what they earned above their usual income. Then too, our people are tithers. No matter how little they make, the tithe goes to the Lord's work."

"I believe I recall reading in your reports, that some of the women did sewing."

"Yes, they did, and baking. They made handkerchiefs and scarfs, and sold them. Puerto Rican women pride themselves on their beautiful hand work. Some made *Arroz Con Dulle* and sold it."

"What's that?"

"*Arroz Con Dulle* means, like in English, 'Rice with Candy.' Others made *Pastelles* and *Flan* for a restaurant in San Juan that agreed to buy all we could produce."

"Mrs. Rolon, I know what these two typically Puerto Rican dishes are made of, but some of our readers will also be interested. Please explain, for the benefit of the record."

"*Pastelles* are eaten especially around Christmas time. The *Pastelle* itself resembles a large banana, but green in color. The cook mashes this fruit until it resembles a paste. Potatoes are also mashed. Then the two are mixed. Meat is added, also seasoning and spices, after which the finished product is

made into rolls and baked. They usually sell two for 25 cents."

"Now, will you tell us about *Flan*? I know it's very good because you and Mr. Rolon served it in your home, one evening last February, after I had preached in the new Church."

"*Flan* is easy to make. It somewhat resembles custard in the United States—eggs, milk, vanilla and burnt sugar."

"Perhaps we should make a charge for these recipes, when they are published in *The Defender*."

"All right," laughingly.

"Did you have a contractor give you an estimate on the cost of the building?"

"Yes, and it was \$8,200.00."

"That was in addition, of course, to the cost of the ground?"

"Yes."

"How much was the lot?"

"It cost us \$3,000.00. But we saved on the building because our members, men and women alike, furnished most of the labor."

"Is the property mortgaged?"

"Yes."

"How much is still owed?"

"There are two mortgages, one on the land for \$2,000.00 and another on the building of \$2,500.00, making \$4,500.00 that we still owe."

"When was the building dedicated?"

"November 20, 1950."

"Thank you, Mrs. Rolon. I know that our great Family of Defender Readers will enjoy your report about the work at Villapalmeras. You, your husband and the members of your con-

gregation are loyal servants of Christ. We are glad for your fine record of achievement."

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DURING the three years that the building fund was accumulating, Mr. and Mrs. Rolon had a loyal friend and supporter in the person of a Christian farmer, residing in the northern part of Kansas. This man contributed \$20.00 each month, but died quite unexpectedly before the project was completed.

Thereupon, a *Defender* reader in West Point, California, accepted the Villapalmeras Church, according to the *Chapel plan* of making monthly contributions of \$20.00 ... and these are being applied toward meeting the demands of the two mortgages.

The story of this field is different from other *Defender Churches* in the West Indies, but the same guiding principle obtains—namely, to put as much responsibility upon native leadership as possible.

Mrs. Rolon's Church is, in many respects, an exception. Being located in the metropolitan zone, its affairs are conducted somewhat like Churches in the United States.

This cannot be said, however, of scores of other *Defender worship centers* back in the interior, where one finds moral and spiritual darkness, paganism, superstition, suffering, sorrow and squalor comparable to that of African jungles. Such "luxuries," for instance, as *Pastelles* and *Flan*, are unknown in those benighted areas.

Someone has said: "When you leave the Capital of Puerto Rico and go into the interior, it is like moving into another world."

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THE CHAPEL PLAN is an arrangement whereby friends in the United States contribute \$20.00 a month to the support of a native Pastor and worship center. Persons who thus cooperate are called "Chapel Friends."

Wichita headquarters has a standing agreement with Puerto Rican *Defender Christians*, that an effort will be made to find a "Friend" for every native Gospel center they are able to organize. As this issue of the magazine goes to press, there are several Chapels which will have to be closed unless immediate support is arranged.

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# BOOK REVIEWS

## THE LETTERS OF SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

Prepared and Published by  
the Moody Press, 480 pages,  
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**K**ING CHARLES II hated Samuel Rutherford, who was one of the most powerful preachers of his generation . . . and in the history of the Church.

The King and the Preacher collided over the question of human liberty. Arbitrary decrees were issued by a puppet government, designed to destroy the last vestige of seventeenth century freedom.

Rutherford took pen in hand and wrote his famous essay on "the law and the King," *Lex Rex*. To King Charles it was an unpardonable piece of writing — an insulting affront to his ego. It stung his pride. It had an upsetting effect on his plans.

The book was ordered burned. Its Author was summoned to face charges of high treason. Being on his death bed, he could not appear, but penned this message: "I behove to answer my first summons; and, ere your day arrive, I will be where few kings and great folks come."

Death denied him a martyr's crown a few days later. He took leave of this life in 1661.

Friends began the task of assembling his famous letters, written over a period of many years, and the first edition was published within a short time (under the title, "Letters").

Decades passed and the book seemed to disappear from sight. The Moody Press has restored these priceless letters in the tome now under consideration.

Rutherford's correspondence was voluminous. Many of his letters were deeply spiritual, dealing with heavy doctrinal and Scriptural subjects, reflecting a heart interest in the eternal welfare of friends.

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## A SQUINT-EYE VIEW OF AMERICA

By Dr. No-Yong Park . . . Meador Publishing Company, 150 pages, cloth binding, price \$2.50.

**B**ORN of Korean parentage in Manchuria, Dr. No-Yong Park received his Oriental education in China, Japan and Korea, and his Occidental training in Europe and America. He is a Harvard graduate.

Dr. Park is considered an expert on Far Eastern Affairs, and as such, has served as a visiting professor in a number of leading universities. He is a forceful, dynamic platform personality, possessing a form of wit and gift of expression that has caused him to be compared with Mark Twain.

"A Squint-Eye View of America" was written to help Americans find themselves . . . to take inventory and count their blessings. It brings to mind subjects upon which they need to meditate. The Author hopes that "it will be read by many of my fellow Asiatics whose primary source of information about America is the hostile Communist propaganda."

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kindness and hospitality I have enjoyed all these years. Had I done this in a totalitarian state, I would have lost my head long ago."

Dr. Park loves and respects the United States. He shows it on every page. But he is amazed at the comparative lack of appreciation on the part of Americans generally, for the advantages that they enjoy. This is a source of wonderment to him as he compares conditions here with those existing in other parts of the world.

#### THE BIBLE AND MODERN SCIENCE

By Dr. Henry M. Morris ...  
Moody Press, 200 pages, cloth binding, price \$2.50.

WHILE this book was written primarily for puzzled young people, it commands itself to thinking men and women of whatever age.

The Author is Professor and Director of Civil Engineering in the Southwestern Louisiana Institute ... of Lafayette, Louisiana. Twelve years of study and teaching, coupled with a vast amount of practical work in the field of engineering should qualify him to speak with some degree of authority. He took his training at Rice Institute and the University of Minnesota.

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Chapter one shows the necessity of a virile faith to provide security in an hour when the material world is

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Oriaifo, who had never heard the name of Christ, was stricken with fear and inward turmoil, and reported his strange feelings to the witch doctor ... "A ragged old man, sitting in the doorway of a hut, filled with all the fetishes his witchcraft could devise communing with evil spirits."

Entering a trance-like state, the witch doctor prophesied to Oriaifo: "In two days, two women are going to contact you. Go home and bring a sacrifice. We will keep them away."

Oriaifo brought the sacrifice but the women (missionaries) arrived anyway and he became their first convert. He later developed into a powerful preacher and teacher of the Word.

One is awed by the witch doctor's ability to divine from demonic intelligences the fact that missionaries were on the way to the territory where he ruled. There are 19 other stories as remarkable as that of Oriaifo's conversion.



## WILL RUSSIA INVADE AMERICA?

By Kenneth Goff . . . Published by Author, 70 pages, art covers, price 50 cents.

**M**R. GOFF was formerly a leader in the Communist Party, assigned by Stalin's agents to work among young people and organize them into bands for sabotage activities.

He fought Christianity, plotted the death of leaders, used a number instead of a name, was entertained at the White House by Eleanor Roosevelt and worked with red plotters from New York to Hollywood.

Then one day a new power entered his life. He became a Christian convert, and true to New Testament religion, *now hates the things he once loved.*

### Will Russia Invade America?

Mr. Goff shows that we have already been invaded . . . in the same way that Poland, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Albania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Eastern Germany, China and Korea have been invaded. First by propaganda and underground organizing, leading up to physical revolution and bloodshed as the next step!

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3. High Treason.
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5. The Korean Blunder.
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No time should be lost getting this book into circulation. It is needed to jar out of their stupor, many people who do not yet realize the seriousness of the crisis facing our Country. It will systematize the facts of others, who are more or less alert, but lack concrete information as to the true nature of the red conspiracy.

## THE LORD OF GLORY

By Dr. Benjamin B. Warfield . . . Zondervan Publishing House, 382 pages, cloth binding, price \$3.50.

**T**URNING the pages of the Bible, the reverent reader frequently pauses to meditate on some name that designates his Lord — perhaps pronouncing it aloud, to catch its singular significance.

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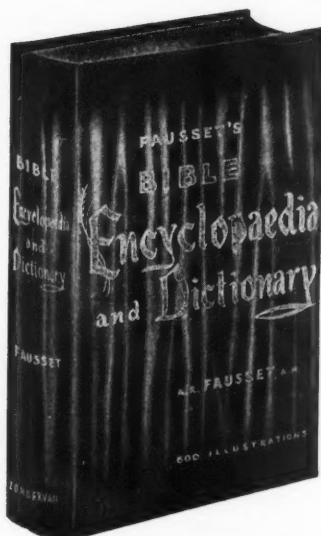
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Greek characters appear on many pages, interwoven with the English text, to clarify delicate shades of meaning. The conclusion reached is that those who will not have a divine Christ must henceforth seek their human Jesus outside the entire evangelical literature.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSON NUMBER ONE

January 20, 1952

**MATTHEW TURNS TO CHRIST**

**Matthew 9:9-17; Luke 5:27-39**

**MEMORY TEXT:** "This man receiveth sinners." Luke 15:2.

## (1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "FOLLOW."

Matthew, whose conversion is the topic of today's lesson, possessed admirable traits of character which helped prepare him for the responsibilities of discipleship. He was a business man ... a publican, or tax collector, for the government at Rome.

The Jews resented Roman rule despite the fact that it had brought them peace and prosperity. They heaped calumny upon tax collectors. Matthew was regarded as a traitor.

From Christ's viewpoint, eligibility for discipleship was not a matter of reputation. Who of us would be eligible, if perfection of character was the basic requirement?

Our Lord did not see in Matthew the holiness falsely professed by the Pharisees. He did see, however, an honest, practical man who would be teachable and willing to pay the cost of obedience.

The record shows that Matthew possessed a detailed, cash register type of mind. Where other synoptic writers deal in general terms, he notes precise details. His occupation required exactness and attention to small matters. Christ always has had need of such men.

A study of the parallel accounts (Matthew 9:9-17; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32) gives an insight into Matthew's character.

He seems to have been utterly devoid of self-affectation. No effort is made to inflate his own importance. Just the opposite is true. He plays the record down when writing about himself.

Mark and Luke use his dignified family name, Levi. But he refers to himself as just plain Matthew, the pub-

lican. He sinks the family name, but makes no effort to sink his occupation — regarded by Jewish neighbors as being so obnoxious.

He modestly refrains from saying that he "left all" to follow Jesus, as Luke mentions. Nor does the converted publican say that the feast, honoring Jesus, was in his own home ... or that it was a "great feast," as we find in Luke 5:29.

A careful reading of the narrative shows that considerable time elapsed between Matthew's call and the elaborate meal spread in the Master's honor.

Mark and Luke associate the event with a later visit which Jesus made to Capernaum ... when Jairus sent a messenger to the table on behalf of his dying daughter. This did not take place until after Christ and his disciples had made their trip to the Country of the Gadarenes.

In other words, the feast was not the result of a superficial, emotional stir on the part of the host. Matthew had become established in the faith, oriented in the new life, before he invited old friends and cronies to meet the Saviour.

New converts will do well to emulate his example. It often happens that babes, recently born into the family of God, overreach themselves. This causes failure and discouragement. "They have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge." (Romans 10:2)

The story is told of an over-zealous barber with razor in hand, the morning after his conversion, asking a customer if he was ready to die. The man is said to have jumped from the chair and dashed for the door.

Matthew is a type of the straight-thinking layman who brings common sense and business knowledge into the program of the Church ... the man who gives practical application to Christian principles in his daily affairs.

## (2) THE KEY VERSE IS LUKE 5:37.

"And no man putteth new wine into old bottle; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottle shall perish."

This was a direct stroke, aimed at severing all ties with the religion of the Jews. It was natural that Christ should have chosen a public gathering to make such a declaration.

Goat skins were used for making bottles in ancient times. If new wine was poured into old bottles they would burst, due to fermentation. The new wine of the Gospel required new containers.


The religion of Israel had become corrupt and corroded by the accretions of Judaism. The Talmud, which originated during the time the Jews were in Babylon, completely blinded them to Christ's mission on earth. It still remains the curse of Judaism.

The principle of new wine in new bottles is one of perpetual and paramount importance. The Gospel, carried to the nations of the earth, has always had to be put into the thought forms and channels of life of each nation. This has required constant bottle making.

Missionaries invite trouble when they try to "Westernize," instead of evangelize the backward peoples of the world. It is best to give them God's Word and allow native Christian groups to make their own bottles according to existing languages and customs.

## (3) THE KEY FACT: CHRIST CALLS MEN EVERYWHERE TO REPENT.

The Pharisees imagined they had a legitimate complaint against Jesus: con-sorting with traitors and sinners. But this was the real purpose of His presence on earth. He came to save the lost. One had to be in need to attract His attention. Christians have today the responsibility of representing Him in the field of soul winning. They are expected to carry forward the evangelistic program which He inaugurated.



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## LESSON NUMBER TWO

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NICODEMUS, A  
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John 3:1-12; 7:45-52

**MEMORY TEXT:** "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." John 3:7.

### (1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "BORN."

All that can be known about Nicodemus must be derived from three interesting scenes in Scripture. In these he is seen having an interview with Jesus, defending Him before the Sanhedrin, and helping Joseph of Arimathea with the Lord's burial. (John 3:1-10; 7:45-52; 19:38-42) The information is meager but sufficient to establish the validity of his character.

He was sincere but conservative. He wanted to be absolutely sure of his ground. Once satisfied, he came to Christ's defense and remained loyal to the end.

We should not read too great significance into the fact that he first came to Jesus "by night." Many come that way, in a mixed state of mind, seeking more light and a reasonable foundation for their faith. Christ was not widely known at that time and His followers were few. There is nothing wrong about a man wishing to be certain before he makes an important decision.

Two fundamental lessons may be gleaned from this nocturnal conversation. (1) That the things of God, beyond human explanation, must be accepted through faith, and (2) The fact and importance of the new birth.

By a simple analogy of the wind, which Nicodemus could not explain, he was taught to accept facts of revelation. The word for "spirit" and "wind" is the same in Greek, *pneuma*, so that Jesus' illustration almost seems a play upon the word. The reality of wind is acknowledged by all, but who can explain it? In like manner, the experience of the new birth is genuine, even though impossible of explanation.

The Bible discusses many mysteries beyond finite comprehension, that fall in the same general category as the new birth. Notably, the mystery of godliness (I Timothy 3:16) and the mystery of the resurrection. (I Corinthians 15:51)

If the new birth cannot be explained, its effects can be observed in the lives

of those enjoying the experience. It takes sin out by the roots. Old habits no longer dominate. Where bondage once existed, there is liberty.

A teacher asked members of his Sunday School class if their parents ever had to make them do wrong ... to which a small boy answered, "No, sir." The teacher then inquired: "Do they have to make you be good?" The boy replied, "Yes, sir."

"Why is it that your parents have to make you be good, but don't have to make you be bad?"

"Because a feller's just naturally born crooked," was the boy's answer.

Humans are born *wrong* (Psalm 51:5) the first time, and this makes necessary a second birth, so they can be born *right*.

### (2) THE KEY VERSE IS JOHN 3:3.

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Entrance into the *physical* world is by birth. Entrance into the *spiritual* world is by birth.

The New Testament speaks of two Adams. To be born once, is to be identified with the first Adam. To be born twice, is to be identified with the second Adam. "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." I Corinthians 15:45.

Visualize a tree, fifty years old, and a young twig. Graft the twig onto the tree. How old is the life which surges through the twig? The same as that of the tree.

By the new birth, the spirit of man is grafted into Christ and becomes the recipient of eternal life. "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (I John 5:12)

Christianity in its ultimate essence is Christ in union *with*, and coming into expression *through*, regenerated mortals. Ethically, the Christian system is based upon a change of heart.

### (3) THE KEY FACT: THE NEW BIRTH IS A "MUST."

Jesus told Nicodemus that, "Ye must be born again." But this is a biological, rather than a theological "must."

Biological because it deals with the processes of life — eternal life.

In-Christed man is not a mere evolution of a natural man. He is a new creature, as Paul said, a "new creation," possessing a type of uncreated, eternal life, unknown to the natural

man. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." (I Corinthians 15:22.)

## LESSON NUMBER THREE

February 3, 1952

A PENITENT FORGIVEN

Luke 7:36-50

**MEMORY TEXT:** "Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace." Luke 7:50.

### (1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "FORGIVEN."

The book of Luke has been called the Gospel of Hospitality, because of the notice it gives to occasions when Jesus was entertained in private homes. (See 5:29; 9:5; 11:37; 14:1) Our

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Lord was evidently a Guest welcomed on every hand.

The events of today's lesson are laid deep in the customs of the times in which they occurred. Houses in the subtropic climate of Palestine were quite open. It was not thought rude for strangers to pass through, to see and talk with guests.

While dining, all assumed a semi-reclining position, feet extended away from the table. It was therefore possible for the repentant woman to kneel at "His feet behind Him," ... shed tears and dry His feet with her hair. Stier says: "Slaves were wont to wash their masters' feet."

The name of the woman is unknown. There is no ground whatever for the popular fiction that she was Mary Magdalene. The alabaster box was a perfume vessel, probably very costly.

"Where she had met with Christ before, or what words of His had brought life to her dead heart, and a sense of Divine pardon to her guilty soul, we know not. But probably she was of the crowd of 'publicans and sinners' whom Incarnate Compassion drew so often around Him, and heard from His lips some of those words such as never man spake, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour.'

"No personal interview had up to this time taken place between them; but she could keep her feelings no longer to herself, and having found her way to Him, they burst forth in this surpassing yet most artless style, as if her whole soul would go out to Him." — *Jamieson, Fausset & Brown Commentary.*

Simon, the Pharisee in whose house Christ was a guest, seems animated by tricky motives. He was looking for an opportunity to trap the Master.

"Ha, I have him now! If he was a prophet, he would know the type of person who touched him and issue a stern rebuke. This proves that he is an imposter."

Wait, Simon! You have not seen through your guest, but he has seen through you!

Our Lord exposes the canker in the soul of His critic by the adroit use of a parable. The two debtors are the woman and Simon. Both are bankrupt, according to the story. Both need forgiveness.

The woman has the advantage, because she is conscious of her soul's lost condition. Simon lacked humility and was self-opinionated. There is no record that he ever accepted forgiveness, although the offer was made. But on the surface, the woman's need appeared to be ten times greater than

Simon's (five hundred pence compared to fifty).

## (2) THE KEY VERSE IS LUKE 7:49.

"And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, who is this that forgiveth sins also?"

The scene in Simon's home teaches two solemn truths: (1) The insolvency of all men, regardless of the degree of their sin, and their complete inability to wipe out the dishonor done to God. (2) Christ is the Creditor to whom all debt is owing, and has the power to forgive.

Other guests were startled to hear the One reclining at the meal with them, quietly and without ostentation, assume the prerogative of removing the cause of guilt between sinners and the heavenly Father. Uncounted millions have found peace with God by applying for relief at the same eternal Source.

## (3) THE KEY FACT: CHRIST SEEKS SINNERS BOTH "DOWN AND OUT AND UP AND OUT."

Two kinds of sinners are symbolized in these studies. The woman would be called, in evangelistic vernacular, a "down and outer" ... while Simon was an "up and outer."

The latter, typifying the moral man who relies upon his own goodness, is more difficult to reach with the Gospel, than the former class. An old song of a previous generation, contains these lines:

The moral man came to the judgment,  
But his self righteous rags would  
not do;  
The men who had crucified Jesus  
Had passed as moral men, too.

## LESSON NUMBER FOUR

February 10, 1952

THROUGH THE  
NEEDLE'S EYE

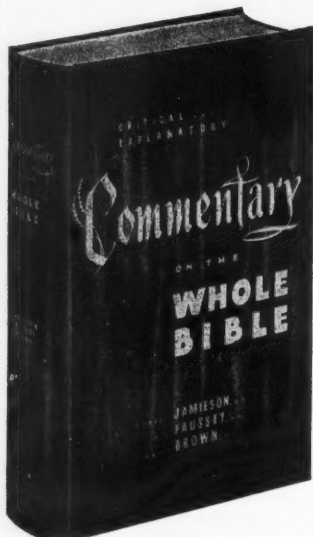
Luke 18:18-30; 19:1-10

**M**EMORY TEXT: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." Mark 10:25.

## (1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "SELL."

All who come into vital union with Christ, pass the crisis of the narrow gate, at which point they are required to decide whether He shall really be given the place of preeminence in their lives. It is there that they *sell out* completely to Him.

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"Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." (Matthew 7:14)

This involves complete subordination of all other interests — for the wealthy, bank accounts and investments ... for the poor, selfish aspirations and covetousness. A vitalized conscience will help us understand the things from which we need to be detached.

Jesus knows how ingrown human beings could become with the roots of worldly interests. He understood at first glance, the idol to which the Rich Young Ruler was subservient. But for reasons known to Himself, decided to pursue the conversation toward a suitable climax.

The ruler addressed Jesus by an adjective indicating absolute goodness, *agathon*, a word of extraordinary significance. He recognized the deity of Jesus, but more than mental assent is required for salvation. The reply "Why callest thou me good?" should have the emphasis on "Why," rather than "me." Christ was not disclaiming goodness. He was leading this young man on, hoping that his beliefs could be translated into personal faith.

Riches were dangerous in his instance, because he idolized them. When brought face to face with the fact that possessions meant more to him than Christ, "he was very sorrowful." The Saviour was moved with pity.

"For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

Here, our Lord resorted to the use of a metaphor, a mere figure of speech. Nothing literal is implied, any more than Matthew 23:24, "Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel."

The *first* camel applies to those who find it difficult or impossible to extricate themselves from worldly things that interfere with true worship.

The *second* camel applies to those who superstitiously strive to avoid small faults and do not scruple to commit larger sins.

It is always an occasion for sadness

when people come up against their responsibility toward Christ and turn away. In connection with the ruler who was sorrowful because his way of life would not admit acceptance of Christ, the Higley Commentary says: "What makes a person sorry is very revealing of character. The ruler was not sorry for the poor; he could hold great surpluses without thinking of sharing with them. But when such sharing became the condition of his discipleship, there was a reaction of sadness — selfish sadness."

## (2) THE KEY VERSE IS LUKE 19:8.

"Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything by false accusation, I restore him fourfold."

Wealth did not hold the throne of Zacchaeus' soul. He may have received some pertinent instruction on the subject while on the way home with Jesus, however, but his attitude is that of one who discovers material possessions cannot satisfy an aching heart.

Willingness to make restitution is a good sign of a changed heart. "Fourfold was the restitution required of a thief." (Exodus 22:1-9) After giving half his money to the poor and restoring what he had wrongfully obtained, fourfold, Zacchaeus may have been in considerably reduced circumstances.

Another admirable trait of the man was a desire to introduce the members of his family to the Saviour. No husband and father can take a more noble step.

## (3) THE KEY FACT: SALVATION IS WORTH ITS COST.

Salvation as a free gift of God, is a fact never to be minimized, but there are issues to be settled between man and Creator, before it is received. Few will try to defend Augustine's doctrine of "irresistible grace." Salvation is a gift which, by His own laws, God cannot dispense without reason and upon proper grounds.

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